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14. ABSTRACT The activities of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Histocompatibility Center can be classified under three major categories: 1) the repository service; 2) the molecular typing service; and 3) the research activities aimed at improving the technical support on which the previous two services are working. This year in the Repository, where blood samples from volunteers as bone marrow donors are collected from more than 125 recruiting centers nationwide, 161,019 samples were processed. We stored 483,057 vials in three sets of freezers (one sample per donor each freezer), while 247,991 were sent out to other Typing Laboratories for molecular HLA typings. In our laboratories, 10,723 typings were performed with a very high Q.C. standard, as monitored by National Marrow Donor Program. Our Center's research branch synthesized all the oligonucleotides to be used as PCR primers or labelled probes to perform molecular HLA typing. DNA sequencing was also performed when hybridization results were not optimal. Alternatives for storing blood samples (e.g., blood spots on filter paper) or for enhancing typing capabilities (e.g., microchip technology to expedite PCR procedures) were successfully implemented or improved to the point of justifying their future implementation.					
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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PITTSBURGH HISTOCOMPATIBILITY CENTER

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Total Samples Received, Stored and Shipped from the Repository from 03/22/99 to 02/29/00

SAMPLES	NUMBER (March 1999)	NUMBER (April 1999)	NUMBER (May 1999)
Stored	19,903	18,510	13,184
Shipped (DR - Class II)	10,628	9,555	10,584
Shipped (AB - Class I)	10,494	9,235	10,522
Shipped (Q.C. - Serology)	130	129	102
Destroyed	2,432	649	569
SAMPLES	NUMBER (June 1999)	NUMBER (July 1999)	NUMBER (August 1999)
Stored	14,427	10,339	8,660
Shipped (DR - Class II)	11,456	13,334	14,902
Shipped (AB - Class I)	8,550	7,200	9,155
Shipped (Q.C. - Serology)	127	0	0
Destroyed	922	2,219	1,954

SAMPLES	NUMBER (September 1999)	Number (October 1999)	Number (November 1999)
Stored	9,839	13,367	14,212
Shipped (DR - Class II)	14,624	12,631	16,713
Shipped (AB - Class I)	8,153	9,300	11,560
Shipped (Q.C. - Serology)	0	0	0
Destroyed	913	3,725	0
SAMPLES	NUMBER (December 1999)		
Stored	13,841		
Shipped (DR - Class II)	17,344		
Shipped (AB - Class I)	12,391		
Shipped (Q.C. - Serology)	0		
Destroyed	0		
SAMPLES		Number (January 2000)	Number (February 2000)
Stored		12,889	11,848
Shipped (AB/DR + QC)		8510 + 262 = 8,772	10,104 + 296 = 10,400
Destroyed		0	0

LEGEND:

- Stored samples (Multiply number stored x 3 because of triplicate aliquots)
- Shipped samples (Separated by AB and DR samples until 12/99)
- Shipped samples (Combined AB and DR samples, plus Q.C. samples, beginning January 2000)
- Shipped samples (Q.C. - Serology for NMDP Special Study 11/98 - 6/99)
- Destroyed because no longer eligible, so that blood sample must be removed from NMDP list.

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Total Samples Typed and Results Sent from 03/22/99 to 02/29/00

	Total	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	No Makes	Navy
1999						
March	1,105	70	1,034	0	1	0
April	608	227	375	6	0	0
May	1,021	123	894	3	1	0
June	878	175	699	4	0	0
July	962	76	886	0	0	0
August	819	90	714	12	3	0
September	817	68	746	3	0	0
October	820	48	772	0	0	0
November	820	78	742	0	0	0
December	1229	30	1199	0	0	0
2000						
January	820	31	789	0	0	0
February	824	29	789	6	0	0

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Research Completed from 03/22/99 to 02/29/00

Month/ Year:	Oligonucleotides Synthesized:	ABI/PE Sequencing:	Taqman Probes:	Miscellaneous Research Projects:
Mar '99	64	97	0	<p>Evaluation and implementation of Amersham-Pharmacia Biotech Microspin G-25 columns for purification of oligonucleotides following synthesis and deprotection.</p> <p>Performed quarterly Quality Control on all automated equipment.</p>
Apr '99	77	184	2	<p>Replaced HPLC column and updated instrument to optimally perform fluorescent-labelled oligonucleotide purification. Performed quality control on updated instrument.</p>
May '99	53	238	4	<p>Purchased and installed one new G3 Macintosh computer required for updated software for DNA sequencers.</p> <p>Installed new data collection and sequencing software.</p> <p>Began troubleshooting communication difficulties between new sequencing collection software and the instrument.</p>
Jun '99	72	205	2	<p>Performed quarterly Quality Control on all automated equipment.</p>
July '99	64	408	0	<p>Continued to trouble-shoot and evaluate sequencing hardware and software.</p> <p>Purchased and installed a second G3 Macintosh from ABI to compare internal hardware components.</p>

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Aug '99	52	144	8	Installation, optimization and evaluation of ABI HLA typing kit incorporating sequence-based typing strategies. Typing performed on 15 patient blood samples and results compared to SSOP typing results for confirmation.
Sep '99	127	129	0	Resolved communication conflicts with new Macintosh computer and DNA sequencer. Both new computers and instruments functioning optimally using updated software. Passed quality control check with known samples.
Oct '99	54	183	0	Performed quarterly Quality Control and annual preventive maintenance on all automated equipment. Installed new ABI Genescan software for use on the DNA sequencers. Began and completed trouble-shooting of data collection software for fragment analysis on DNA sequencers.
Nov '99	39	111	0	New matrices run and installed on sequencer 2.
Dec '99	41	234	0	Resolved software difficulties on sequencer 2 and installed new matrix. Performed quarterly Quality Control and annual preventive maintenance on all automated equipment.
Jan '00	79	319	0	Installed new matrix on sequencer 2.
Feb '00	50	370	0	
Mar '00	74	317	0	Installed new matrix on sequencer 1. Performed quarterly quality control and annual preventive maintenance on all automated equipment. Completed contracted service and issued inventory of all TaqMan probes to Neogen. Attended BioCad perfusion chromatograph training.

Month/ Year:	Oligonucleotides Synthesized:	ABI/PE Sequencing:	Taqman Probes:	Miscellaneous Research Projects:
Apr '00	66	254	0	Began preliminary investigation into separation of recombinant AAV from cell culture using perfusion chromatography/